



Some buildings may be torn down

Developers buy AMA

Alumni dreams of seeing AMA reopened were dashed when area developers bought the Augusta Military Academy buildings and property October 6 at a court-ordered auction on the school grounds.

Kennard Campbell of Stuarts Draft, and I.H. Baker of Staunton paid \$300,000 for all the AMA buildings and 53 acres of land. Campbell said they do not yet have specific plans for the property, *"but it definitely will not be a school... This is strictly a business deal, and we may end up tearing down some buildings that don't have a useful purpose."*

Alumni meet with buyers

On October 28, Alumni Association officials met with Campbell and Baker who said that alumni should come up with ideas, and money, if they are interested in preserving the buildings at the school. The developers plan to subdivide the land behind Big Barracks, land with a commanding view of the Valley.

AMA Alumni Association President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, said that *"dreams die hard. We had hoped that Colonel Gene Nervo would succeed with his project to open a wilderness academy at AMA. Our dreams that a school might be in operation at Augusta have all but faded away."*

Colonel Nervo is a retired Marine officer who operates a wilderness leadership academy in Craig County, VA, and who had hoped to open a similar facility at Augusta for "at-risk" kids. At the last minute, one of his co-signers backed out, and Nervo was unable to come up with his \$345,000 bid.

The end of an era

The sale apparently closes the books on attempts to reopen Virginia's oldest military academy. Founded in 1865 by Charles S. Roller, a Confederate veteran, the school was operated from 1907 until it closed in 1984 by Colonel Thomas Roller, General Charles S. Roller, Jr., and Colonel Mal and Linda Roller Livick, General Roller's granddaughter and her husband.

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school buildings
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Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

November 1995



Dear Fellow Alumnus:

Dreams die hard. We had hoped that Colonel Gene Nervo would succeed with his project to open a wilderness academy at AMA. When he was not able to consummate his purchase, our dreams that a school might be in operation at Augusta have faded away. While we do not know yet what the purchasers plan for the AMA buildings and grounds, they have said clearly that it will not be a school.

What we have left is a panoply of golden memories, and each other. Your alumni association is devoted to keeping those memories alive. We believe the best way of doing that is the maintenance of a strong association, an effective communications program, and a scholarship program that permits us to honor Augusta's unparalleled past while looking to the futures of the next generations.

Our memories are best reinforced when we are hearing from and about cadets from our eras. This requires a commitment to inform *The Bayonet* whenever there is news in your life - the birth of a child or grandchild, a job change, retirement, marriage, or an illness. Please keep sending in news!

And continue your support of our scholarship programs. As you will see on page 7, the new Honors and Memorials program is giving alumni a powerful opportunity to assure that AMA's heritage is preserved.

Whatever happens at Fort Defiance, we can assure that Augusta Military Academy will live forever!

K. Gary Nicholson, '70

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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Letters to the editor Please send news

When the September *Bayonet* arrived, Libby and I both read it cover to cover. Each previous issue has been great, but this issue is SUPER!

If readers will constantly mail news to the newsletter, each issue will be interesting. Thank you! You have provided a gift to everyone on the mailing list.

I hope the appeals to send news and to support the scholarship funds will encourage adequate responses. We all know we can't have a newsy communication without both news and capital to support it.

- Mickey Gordon, '39

Look forward to each issue

I do enjoy *The Bayonet*, and look forward to each issue. It is interesting to hear about old chums. Let's face it, for a lot of

us, they were our family. You never know how much old friends mean to you...

- Harold Chow, '53

Sad memories

The September *Bayonet* is great, even if it did bring back some sad memories of classmates who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II. Thank you for this reminder.

My memory tells me that all of us were looking forward to serving during the War - what a difference from today!

- John Hockman, '44

Many close friends

I had many close friends who served and died in World War II, but until I read the last *Bayonet*, I had no idea AMA had given so many of its young men to die in the defense of freedom in that War. How proud we should be!

- John Younger, '43

Class Notes \ Class Notes \ Class Notes

1931

Birch Grawl has worked in his own mortgage business since he retired in 1965. He and Pearl divide their time between Glen Mills, PA and Orlando. They have two children, eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Birch thinks that he is *"the only cadet ever hit by what came out of the French 75 cannon... which was fired at Sunday Dress Parades... a black, greasy wad, right in the ear!"*

1935

Dr. Linwood Clarke has been in education for much of his life. A school principal in Massachusetts, school superintendent in New Hampshire, and a faculty member at Boston University. He retired in 1976, helped to build some secondary schools on Cape Cod, and is now retired in Kissimmee, FL.

1938

George Neal attended Marshall College after AMA, went into the Army in 1942, attended OCS, and served in Europe. He sold real estate for a time, and was back in the service during the Korean War. He worked as a photographer in New York, and in 1960, went back home to Huntington, WV to work for the State. He retired in 1982.

Wally Brubeck owned a jewelry store in Wayne, WV until he retired two years ago. He plays golf as often as he can. Wally's brother, **Bill Brubeck**, '38, lived

in Salem, VA and passed away 12 October 1993.

1939

George Leatherman was very kind in offering to give **Earl Cabaniss**, '43, the 1941 *Recall* which had belonged to his late brother, **Johnny Leatherman**, '42, who passed away in 1945.

1940

Herb Ritchey, according to **Mickey Gordon**, '39, was planning to attend the *Ab Astra* reunion this fall. That's great, except the reunion is in 1996!

The storm took two-thirds of our roof... leaving only the kitchen and the great room untouched...

1941

Mike Elliott was one of many alumni who had a 1941 *Recall* to offer **Earl Cabaniss**. Mike lives in Auburn, CA. Thanks for your offer, Mike!

1942

Bill Stuart and Pat celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in June. They have four grown children, all of whom live in the Washington, DC area, and their eighth grandchild is on the way. Bill has been in the real estate business in Washington since 1948, and while he has relinquished management responsibilities, he still is a licensed real estate broker in the National Capital area.

1944

Walter Holt was one of several alumni who gave us **David Eborn's** hometown - Washington, NC. That may help us to locate David's military records. Eborn was killed by rifle fire in China in 1946.

1945

Willard Finney went into the Army after finishing at Augusta, and served in Italy. He graduated from UVa in 1950 and from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 1953. He has practiced law in Rocky Mount, VA since 1958, and served in the Virginia House of Delegates 1983-1993.

1946

John Jackson lives in Summit Point, WV and has been retired from E.I. DuPont for ten years. He and Mary Anne have been wed 48 years, and have two children. John still enjoys antique motorcycles and old cars.

Bill Wilson writes from Crisfield, MD that he would like to obtain a copy of a 1945 or 1946 *Recall*. Can anyone help?

1947

John Herring was a part of an elegant party on The Lawn at the University of Virginia which kicked off UVa's \$750 million fund drive. He spotted **Mickey Gordon**, '39, and Libby in the well-dressed crowd. John takes part in a memorial service for Robert E. Lee's horse, Traveler, at Washington and Lee Univer-

sity in Lexington in November.

Jack Field and Peg spent two weeks in late September in Quebec City, Montreal, Maine and Vermont, back through New York to see some friends, then home to Virginia Beach.

1948

Paul Bratton reports that son Mike is back from Germany and now stationed at Fort Bragg. Mike married while in Germany, and he has two children. Paul's wife, Ruby, was delighted with her last physical, and she is off all medication. She says that Paul is "still working too hard, but that's his makeup."

1949

John Marozza retired from the Baltimore Police Department in 1981 after 23 years, during which he received many commendations, including the Bronze Star. In 1985, he started TLC Horse Transportation, which he sold in 1994. He now breeds and races thoroughbred horses and fishes from his boat on Chesapeake Bay. John and Mary were married in 1957 and they have three sons. He is looking for **Bill Lacy, '49**.

John Morris writes from Washington University in St. Louis that he'll have some news "about the glories of retirement in a few months." Doctor John is a professor of English at WU.

1950

Dick Gibbs has been a State Farm agent for the past 35 years in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

1951

Hap Starr and Mary Ann suffer-

ed great damage to their home on St. Thomas, VI as Hurricane Marylyn roared through. *"The storm took two-thirds of our roof... leaving only the kitchen and great room untouched... We have no electricity, no phone... it will be months before things get back to normal, whatever normal will be. The process of getting our lives back together will be slow and very expensive."* Please write to Hal at 3 Water Island, St. Thomas, VI 00802.



Frank Williamson, '60, second from left, and Bev, left, welcome **Bob White, '60**, far right, and Suzie to their summer home in Virginia Beach. Bob and Frank were roommates in CW Barracks, and were in each others weddings.

"Al" Cleveland, Jr. retired from the U.S. Navy in 1994 as an E9, Master Chief, and says, *"I enjoyed all my tours at sea commands, air stations, and at Navy Headquarters in Washington, DC."* Al and Cathy now enjoy gardening, travel, fishing and camping, plus hunting deer and turkeys with bow and arrow and muzzle-loaded rifle at his camp in Bath County, VA.

Archie Crawford co-hosted a

luncheon in Northern Virginia on October 28 to raise funds for the American Olympic wrestling team.

Charles "Bud" Hargrave says that he and Brett enjoy traveling and watching his five grandchildren grow. He's been retired for ten years.

1953

Al Wattay and Diane recently had dinner with **Colonel Rutland Beard, '42**, and Lucille. Lucille taught Alex in the seventh grade!

Lew Mundin has been helpful in identifying some of AMA's World War II heroes profiled in the last issue of *The Bayonet*. Lew owns Creery, Ltd. in Richmond which makes men's shirts to order. The company's most famous customer: President Harry Truman who bought 60 shirts and 40 sets of pajamas from Creery over the years.

1956

Duke Fancher, on the eve of his retirement from the Washington Post, has been diagnosed with cancer. We are hoping that all your medical news will be positive, Duke.

1957

Jim Hume was coordinator of the annual U.S. women's field and track event in Colorado Springs this summer, for the thirteenth year. In August, he went to the UK as manager of the US women's team (they won by 56 points!) Headquartered in Gateshead, England, Jim was able to visit nearby Hume, Scotland.

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How old was our Augusta, really ?

By Ed Click, '50

Some years ago I chanced to read the blurbs on the AMA picture post-cards and was amused to learn that Augusta had 200-year-old traditions. I mentioned to Bob Bradford that this was surprising for an institution which was founded by a man born in 1839. We agreed that it was probably attributable to our friend and mentor, Charles S. Roller, Jr., a raconteur ever ready with an appropriate story.

We have found that he was not alone. Most of the Moores' "reopening efforts", reported in the Staunton *News-Leader*, stated that the school was founded in 1858. In March 1993, an article in the Lynchburg *News and Advance* gave a brief history of the school "founded in Fort Defiance 33 years before the Revolutionary War." Harold Moore, in his dedicatory remarks at the grand reopening on Inauguration Day of 1992, honored Augusta as the school whose graduates had fought in every war in US history. Chuck Savedge must not have known, for I'm sure we never covered that in American history!

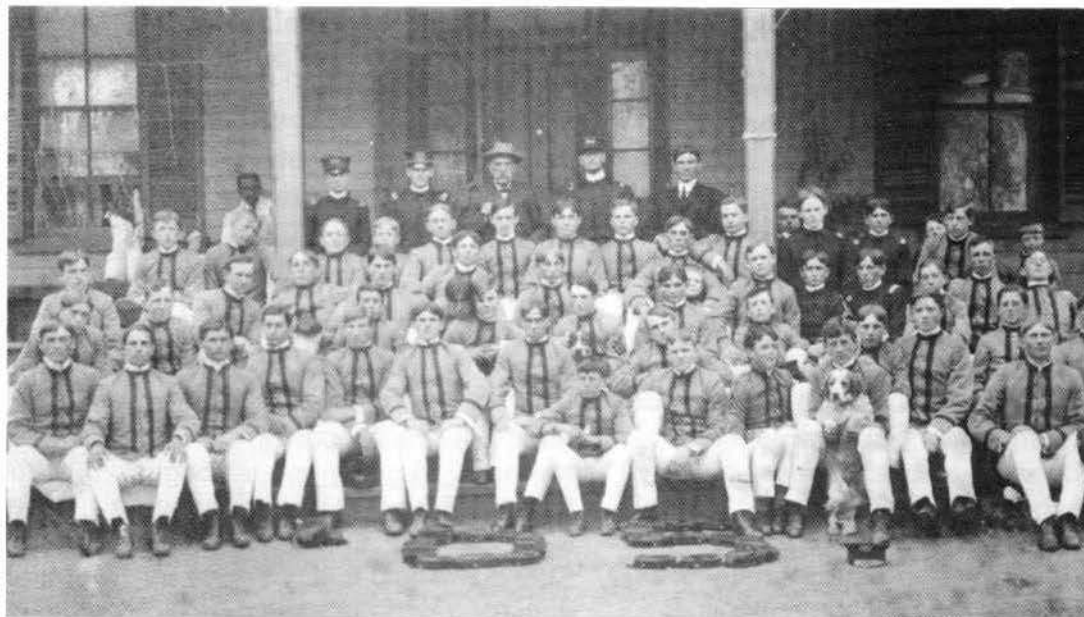
What, then, is the accurate date? I must confess that I am not sure, but I would pick 1865 as the year that Professor Charles Summerville Roller, Civil War veteran, starting teaching in Fort Defiance. It was at least 1883 and probably 1890 before his school became Augusta Military Academy.

* * *

The Professor was born May 8, 1839, the same year his father

started to teach at the school-house located in the grove surrounding the Augusta Stone Church in Fort Defiance.

open the still usable building as a school primarily for those Confederate veterans whose education had been interrupted by the



Professor Charles Roller, top center in civilian hat, poses with the AMA Class of 1905. Third from the left in the second row is the grandfather of Richard McLaughlin, '48. (Photo courtesy of Richard McLaughlin.)

There had been a school in the grove since the founding of the church in the 1740's. The first minister, John Craig, came to America in response to a call which included a specific request to operate a school for the young men in the congregation. Most accounts agree that the Professor attended this school (which some called the "Old Fort Academy"), Parkins Classical School in Mount Sidney, and Jed Hotchkiss' Mossy Creek Academy prior to enrolling at the University of Virginia in 1859. When the war broke out in 1861, he enlisted as a private soldier in Company E, 1st Virginia Cavalry (Stuart's Cavalry). He mustered out as a private or a lieutenant, depending on the account, and came home to find the Valley devastated. He undertook to re-

war. His pupils were day students who walked or rode in from the nearby farms or boarding students who made arrangements to live with neighborhood families. About 1868, he moved his school to a larger brick structure north of the church and renamed it the Augusta Male Classical School.

The Professor believed that the South had been "properly whipped in the highest court - armed conflict" and joined the many Southerners who worked to rebuild their communities and States. One act of his political courage was to join the Republican Party and serve from 1871-1873 in the Virginia General Assembly. He probably continued his principalship during this period, the legislative sessions in Richmond having been shorter in those days.

In 1879, the Professor opened Augusta Male Academy at his new home on the site of the academy we knew. The Roller home was located between our messhall and Deane's Castle, and it was first in a line of frame structures to be known as Roller's school. It remained largely a neighborhood school, with only 15 boarders and 30 day students in the 1879-80 session. In 1883, the Professor took over as superintendent of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute in Staunton and left his brother, H. Sheffey Roller, in charge of the Academy. The new position was terminated in 1884, purportedly for "political reasons," and the Professor returned to his own school and decided to open it as a military school. He never wore a uniform, but he considered the military regimen a practical method of instilling discipline and manliness. The classical-mathematical curriculum was expanded to add modern language, history, science and sports. In 1890, the name was officially changed to the Augusta Military Academy.

Professor Roller died intestate in 1907. He left a widow, his four children and the academy. William, a doctor, already had an established career. Maggie Bell was married to Warren Robinson. So the two remaining sons, Thomas J. and Charles S., Jr., had to be persuaded to take over Augusta and continue its development. Thomas was a classical scholar who had graduated from the University of Virginia, had taught classical language at the University of Memphis, and was considering studying for a career in law. Charles had graduated from VMI, where he is still remembered for his football prowess, and was coaching football at Furman. Neither was especially interested

in Augusta, but both agreed to take over as co-principals and operate the school as a memorial to their father. Their partnership ended with Colonel Tom's death in 1946. Major/Colonel/General Charles S. Roller, Jr., the "Big Boy," carried on until his death in 1963. Twenty-one years later, the school closed. There had been a "Roller's School" for 119 years and an "Augusta Military Academy" for 94 of them. John Craig's school, typical of most of the church-affiliated schools in Virginia's early educational history, really shouldn't be counted.

Developers buy AMA

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In 1993, the Moore family from Northern Virginia ran a bogus fund raising effort, telling people they planned to reopen AMA. After soliciting donations, they disappeared with the money.

In 1994, the Culbertsons, who had owned the school since it closed ten years earlier, tried to reopen the school, but could not get financing. The Culbertsons owed Crestar Bank more than \$200,000, and the bank attempted to sell AMA to Greater Christian Ministries at a foreclosure auction. That sale also fell through.

Enter Colonel Nervo

The property's trustee then tried to deed the school to Colonel Nervo for \$345,000. A group of Fort Defiance residents, most relative newcomers to the area, appealed a ruling by the Augusta County Board of Zoning Appeals which gave Nervo permission to operate a school at the AMA site. Nervo's co-signer backed out, and the Bankruptcy Court judge ordered the property auctioned.

Nervo said, "I would like to see AMA restored, but things worked out for the best, I guess." He now plans to locate his wilderness academy in Botetourt County.

Some records found when school is sold

A week after AMA was bought by two area developers, the purchasers invited the alumni association to search for any school records that might still be on the AMA property.

AMA Alumni President **Gary Nicholson**, '70, Treasurer **Ed Click**, '50, **Lewis Kennett**, '72, and **Bill Klinck**, '62 retrieved many boxes of papers and records which had been locked away in the armory, in the bowels of Big Barracks.

With electric power still off at the school, the four descended to the basement by flashlight. Locks on the armory door had to be cut to obtain entry.

Put in storage

The documents filled three pickup trucks three times. The records will be stored on property owned by **Tommy Simmons**, '53, former Alumni Association president.

Click said, "We have no idea what is in all these boxes. Many of them appear to contain financial records and the like. There do not appear to be many complete academic records, though there likely are some such in the jumbled mess we encountered."

1996
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Honoring AMA Veterans
of Korea, Vietnam and
Desert Storm

HONORS & MEMORIALS

To the AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Ron Mahanes, '53

Ted Basque, '53 - \$100
 Tomme Gamewell, '54 - \$300
 Mickey Gordon, '39 - \$25
 William M. Harris, '48 - \$50
 Dr. John N. Morris, '49 - \$50
 Gary Nicholson, '70 - \$100
 Clyde Ramsey, '49 - \$200
 Alex Wattay, '53 - \$100

In Honor of Colonel Paul Hoover

Bob Bradford, '50 - \$100

To the VMI Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Ron Mahanes, '53

Alex Wattay, '53 - \$100

In Memory of Spotiswood West, '44

William C. Stuart, III, '42 - \$100



Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

November 1995

Dear AMA Alumnus,

Thank you so much for your response to my letter in the September *Bayonet*. Since then, nearly \$1000 has been contributed to the annual fund and another \$1000 to the AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund. In addition, we have received \$300 in new money for the VMI Scholarship Fund.

With news in this issue that Augusta has been sold to developers (who do not plan to operate a school there), your Association now has a single purpose of keeping our alumni connected while preserving AMA's good name and reputation. Support of the scholarship funds offers this unique opportunity. Please send your *tax deductible* gift today to Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24337-0101. You can honor a friend, a schoolmate, or a faculty member (living or dead).

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ed

Ed Click, '50
 Treasurer



Buyers, Alumni confer

AMA Alumni Association President Gary Nicholson, '70, and other alumni, met with the new owners of AMA on October 28. Seated in front of the Main Arch are, l. to r., Nicholson, and developers Kennard Campbell of Stuarts Draft, and I.H. Baker of Staunton.

Baker and Campbell expressed an interest in working with the Alumni Association to preserve Augusta's buildings, but made it clear that they bought the school and property as a business investment.

Alumni are being asked for suggestions, and capital, for the use of the Augusta's buildings and grounds.

(See Special Insert on page 8A)

Class Notes (from page 4)**1962**

Bill Brooks buys and sells military uniforms, arms, and insignia in Montgomery, AL. He will buy old flight jackets, and continues to search for Vietnam Tiger Camos.

1964

Ron LaVelle lives in Berkeley Springs, WV with Sandy, his wife of 23 years, and two sons - Richard, 18, and Mitchell, just four months. Ron is student life counselor at a school for boys in Virginia. Son, Richard, at 6'6" and 325 pounds, has won a full football scholarship at Morgan State in Maryland.

1967

Alan Poole's father writes that he enjoys reading *The Bayonet*, which he receives because he makes contributions to the AMA Alumni Association. Alan was in the Air Force four years after finishing at Augusta.

1969

Michael Bare is President and owner of Restaurant and Hotel Services, a national customer service research firm based in Fairfax, VA. Mike and Dale have been married 14 years, and they have one son, Jason, age nine.

1970

George Harris writes that he and **Donald Hicks, '65**, both were promoted to the rank of police sergeant for the City of Portsmouth, VA on the same day in August. George says they often "talk about AMA and the respect we had for Colonel Hoover's fencing foil."

Gary Nicholson broke two ribs playing football over Labor Day weekend, and he also hurt his foot. It was not until late October that he discovered he had also broken his foot. Our AMA Alumni Association President may need to remind himself that he graduated 25 years ago, which makes him older than he used to be.

1971

Jeff Fowler is a computer consultant for the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in Washington, DC. He is divorced and has two girls, 11 and 14. His e-mail address: JeffF97090@aol.com.

Scott Rosenstein writes that he has been moving about so much that he has lost touch with many of his AMA friends. He travels Delaware, Maryland and Virginia as a marketing representative for Lehigh Furniture. Scott's 18-year-old daughter attends Frostburg State and his 14-year-old daughter just started high school. Scott's address: 2-A Nobility Court, Owings Mill, MD 21117. Phone 410/356-4408.

1972

Brett DeCesari worked for DuPont for seven years after he graduated, then was an over-the-road tractor-trailer driver for nine years. He drove double twin trailers for Carolina Freight until September and stopped by AMA on one of his trips. He and Kathy have been married for 20 years. They live in Pitman, NJ.

1974

Lars Steib owns and operates

a construction company in New Orleans. He and wife Lara live at 833 State Street, New Orleans, 70118. Phone 504/897-0278. Lars reports that he spent nine years at Augusta.

1978

Gary Gertz will provide TV and radio engineering services for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Gary also has been selected for promotion to Storekeeper Senior Chief (E8) in the US Naval Reserve.

1979

Stephen (Ed) Iskow owns and operates a small airline equipment company in Richmond, and travels throughout North America and the Caribbean. His wife of nine years, Cyndy, is a special ed teacher and sign language interpreter. They have a 2-year-old daughter, Rachele. Ed's FAX: 804/276-3194.

October Board Actions

- ☑ Received Treasurer's report that while contributions have increased, the VMI Scholarship and, more particularly, the AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund, need increased alumni support.
- ☑ Discussed plans for the May 16-18, 1996 AMA Reunion to honor AMA veterans of Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. Approved Founder's Day celebration at Old Stone Church.
- ☑ Agreed that school records found in the Armory should be moved to a secure location owned by former Alumni Association President **Tommy Simmons, '53**. Requested that anyone who has taken any records from the school archives should return them so that all school records can be housed in one place.
- ☑ Decided to seek ideas from alumni to be presented to the school's new owners for the preservation of buildings on the Augusta campus.
- ☑ Set the next board meeting for February of 1996, date and place to be announced.

AMA Vets of Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm

From the AMA Alumni Association records, and from the mail received from our alumni, we have begun to put together an Honor Roll of former cadets who served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and Desert Storm. At the 1996 Augusta Military Academy Reunion to be held October 16-18, we will honor these great guys, as well as those who served during the Panama, Grenada, and other crises. **This list is far from complete!** We need your help to assure that we have listed every AMA alumnus who wore our country's uniform at times when danger threatened our liberties.

KOREAN WAR SERVICE

Between 6/27/50 and 1/31/55*

Aldrich, Captain William, '48 - USA
 Andes, James M., '36 - USA (d)
 Beard, Colonel Rutland, '42 - USA
 Bratton, Paul H., '48 - USA
 Brown, Edward M., '41 - USA (d)
 Chiswell, Captain Benjamin, '32 - USCG
 Christy, Lieutenant Colonel James, Trustee
 Cleek, Russell, '48 - USAF
 Cleveland, C. Al, '51 - USN
 Click, D. Ernest, Jr., '48 - USMC
 Cohoon, Colonel Thomas, '46 - USAF
 Cole, Colonel Heston, '38 - USA (d)
 Cole, William H., '49 - USAF
 Coleman, Brigadier General
 Frederick, '28 - USA
 Crawford, Archie, '51 - USA
 Culley, Bayne, '50 - USA (d)
 Dalmas, Victor P., Jr., '41 - USA
 Dunn, Colonel Bob, '47 - USA
 Dutton, Colonel Dick, '47 - USA
 Field, Major Jack, '47 - USAF
 Fifer, Leslie E., '48 - USA
 Gibbs, Gerald G., '47 - USMA
 Guffey, Colonel H., '48 - USAF
 Hanson, Colonel E.W.H., '30 - USA (d)
 Harris, First Lieutenant
 William, '48 - USA
 Herring, John, '47 - USAF
 Hodges, Captain King Edward, '41 - USN (d)
 Jones, Colonel G.W., '23 - USAF (d)
 Jordan, Colonel Samuel, '36 - USAF
 Kinnie, Irvin Gray, '49 - USN
 Kurtz, Captain L.A., '38 - USN
 Lake, Rear Admiral Julian, '40 - USN
 Lane, James R., '49 - USA, USN, USMC, USCG
 Leavel, V.P., '39 - USA
 Lepper, Colonel Lewis, '47 - USA
 Lowenbach, Robert L., '53 - USA
 Lynch, Colonel John, '47 - USMC, USAF
 MacEwan, Colonel Clarence, '39 - USA
 Mendelsohn, John, '68 - USAF
 Messick, Roger, '52 - USA
 Mitchell, Major Robert J., '39 - USAF (d)



Rahily Rhodes, '47
 was killed in action
 in the very last days
 of the Korean War,
 21 July 1953.

Neal, George I., '38 - USA
 Parker, Ralph M., '51 - UNK
 Phillips, Thomas M., '47 - USA
 Pigg, Colonel Jimmy, '46 - USA
 Price, Parham Thomas, '50 - USAF (d)
 Ramsey, Clyde H., '49 - USA
 Rand, William, '48 - USA
 Reisacher, Colonel Robert, '38 - USA
 Rhodes, First Lieutenant Rahily, '47 - USA, KIA
 Rosen, Gloyd E., Jr., '51 - USA, KIA
 Ryder, Major General Charles, '38 USA
 Simmons, Thomas B., '53 - USA
 Simpson, Robert S., '49 - USA (d)
 Snarr, George G., Jr., '46 - USA
 Starnes, Captain James, '50 - USAF
 Thomas, Colonel W.N., '44 - USA
 Tighe, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas, '36 - USA (d)
 Walters, Lieutenant Hal, '48 - USN
 Wasco, Colonel Joseph, '41 - USA
 Willey, Rod O., '51 - USA
 Yon, Rear Admiral Joseph, '30 - USN

VIETNAM WAR SERVICE

Between 8/5/64 and 5/7/75*

Adams, Robert K., '63 - USA
 Akerman, Captain Alex III, '58 - USA, USN
 Babione, Lieutenant Colonel Bill, '56 - USA
 Beard, Captain Benjamin W., '65 - USA
 Beard, Colonel Rutland, '42 - USA
 Bennett, L.. Gordon, Jr., '66 - USA, USAF
 Brooks, William, '62 - USA
 Caldwell, Lieutenant
 Colonel Manley, '54 - USA
 Calvert, Lieutenant Colonel
 Russell, '61 - USA
 Carter, Howard M., '53 - USA
 Chiaviello, Tony, '62 - USA
 Chichester, Captain Daniel
 M., '61 - USA
 Christensen, 1st Lieutenant
 Don, '61 - USA
 (See **HEROES** on page 14)



Neil MacIver, '61,
 became one of the
 very first Americans
 to be killed in Viet-
 nam, 29 May 1963.

Alumni help fill in World War II blanks

Alumni have helped us develop some new leads on Augusta's Honored Dead of World War II. As was explained in the September issue of *The Bayonet*, the military records of some AMA alumni who gave their lives in World War II have been lost. We have asked alumni and friends to provide as

much data as possible to help us to locate the missing records of Augusta's heroes. AMA grad **Harry Campbell, '70**, who works for the Defense Department, is using the data we provide to seek the military records of the Augusta men killed in action in the great World War II.

Alumni assistance

Several alumni, including **Bill Stuart, '42**, **Leonard Salasky, '43**, **Willard Finney, '45** and **Dr. John Morris, '49** have helped to identify **Dave Eborn, '43**. He

was killed by rifle fire in China in 1946, one of the first Americans to die in the battle between Democracy and Communism. Dave's hometown has been identified

as Washington, North Carolina, he was First Captain in 1943-44, and had a command voice "that could be heard in Mount Sidney." And he was a United States Marine.

Finney also helped with information about **Spottiswood West, '44**, from Hilton Village, VA. Stuart reports that "Spotty grew up with me in Newport News and was my roommate. He was killed inside Germany in April 1945, just before the European war ended... I was a pallbearer when Spotty came home. A group of alumni dedicated a water fountain to him



in the Augusta gymnasium."

Lew Mundin, '53, looked in his Dad's *Recalls* and provided information on **Julian Klaus, '29**, and **Louis Pryor, '30**. And **John Younger, '43**, remembered that his cousin,

Spottiswood Preston, '32, had received the Navy Cross when he was bayoneted 21 times by the Japanese on Kwajalein Atoll.

Still more help needed

The Bayonet still needs data on other alumni who gave their all in the War. Listed below are those men about whom we know so little. If you can provide any of the missing pieces to the puzzle, let us know. Hometowns, the branch of service these fellows were in - any such information will help Harry Campbell to locate their military records:

CRUMMETT, W. Frank, '41
DERMODY, Philip J., '41
KLAUS, Julian M., '27
MACE, Ollie D., Jr., '43
McHARG, Henry K., '30
McNEER, Baxter E., '37
MORRIS, Hampden P., '33
PRYOR, Louis J., '30
REDGRAVE, C. Derek, '40
STONE, W. Larry, '37
TUTWILER, W. Frank, '37
WATKINS, R. Douglas, '34
WELLER, Marvin R., '38
WHITE, James, '37
WILSON, D. Spencer, '37

Former teacher writes

Eric Adamson was a First Lieutenant instructor at AMA in 1969-70. Eric writes, "though I was only at AMA one year, it was my first job and the year I got married. I remember many of the students... **Steve Trent, Jorge** ➤

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Rovirosa, and Larry Nicholson.

Eric is a District Governor of Rotary and practices law in Front Royal, home of Randolph Macon Academy.



Dave Eborn, '43



SPOTLIGHT on COLONEL DEANE

By Charles "Hap" Starr, '51

We do not talk about our mentors enough; those gifted and giving men who spent their lives turning children into men, often with a lot of kicking and screaming by both mentor and child.

My memories of the late Herbert Dabney Deane are the product of a close association over four years. I do not wish to say that he was more friendly with me than others, or that there was a special magnetism. I know he liked me. It was unmistakable, but his dislike for the behavior of others never was indicated by anger or harsh ridicule. Often, he would grin, or erupt with his barking laugh, shaking his head wearily.

He was not a profane man, but had a way of making a point. Once, in reference to a remark someone made, he referred to it, and I paraphrase here, as *"legal reasoning emanating from one who occupies an outhouse."*

He understood kids

Decent, consistent, scholarly, often at arms length but never elusive, he understood how to handle and mold kids. In every way I can think of, after many years of schooling, Colonel Deane remains a Master Teacher. Teaching and overseeing the affairs of AMA were not a job; it was his life.

My earliest recollection of him was the first time I saw him on a dreary, rainy day in 1947. I was a troubled kid who couldn't survive in public high school. My father and I were looking at preparatory schools and AMA was the first, and because of Colonel Deane, the only school we visited.

As we drove toward the front arch, then Major Deane was trudging through the drizzle from the barracks to the classrooms wearing a borrowed black AMA raincoat, too small to fit fashionably around his pot. He saw us, and introduced himself.

Uniforms, guns and the swimming pool

I was stuck! I liked him the instant I saw him. After the preliminaries, we went through the school. After lunch, Major Deane and my father chatted away from my hearing.

I was thinking: Wow! Uniforms, guns, athletics for everyone, including fat little kids like me, the swimming pool, the gym. I was hooked and Major Deane was the fisherman.

As we headed back for the long drive home to New Jersey, my dad asked, *"Well, what do you think?"* I muttered something like, *"Um..."* And he said, *"I like that man!"*



In 1965, Colonel Mal Livick thanks Colonel Deane for his 40 years of service to Augusta.

Major Deane was a big man with wide, burly shoulders, and a stomach which, viewed from the side, looked as though he had swallowed a cannon ball. He had a great smile and always seemed full of energy.

No single solution

He was a complex man. He could drill Shakespeare into the most dreary of minds. If your date for a dance didn't have a place to stay, she'd stay at the Deanes. He always had a grownup solution to juvenile problems, but not always in the intimidating atmosphere of the office. You might be invited to his front porch, or for a walk in the field north of his house. If he seemed impatient, it was because, at the moment, he wasn't making himself clear. He knew there was no single, discreet solution to each problem.

At the Deanes' summer camp at Nimrod Hall, he wore leather German pants with suspenders. He let us hunt with rifles and real ammunition, and permitted us to order fireworks from comic books. He took us to horse shows and dances at the girls' camp up the river. It was a welcome respite from AMA's military regimen, but it was not a contradictory experience.

Extracted a fish hook

I don't remember a kid ever being booted out of camp. Colonel Deane believed there was good in us

all. With Mrs. Deane sitting beside him on their cabin porch, they would make all the misery just go away.

I often studied with him on that porch. On one occasion, he extracted a fish hook from my scalp, lodged there by Colonel Hoover! He discovered one day that Clayt Santmyer and I had smuggled a case of beer into camp. He simply took the beer to Clifton Forge (he said), and gave us the money.

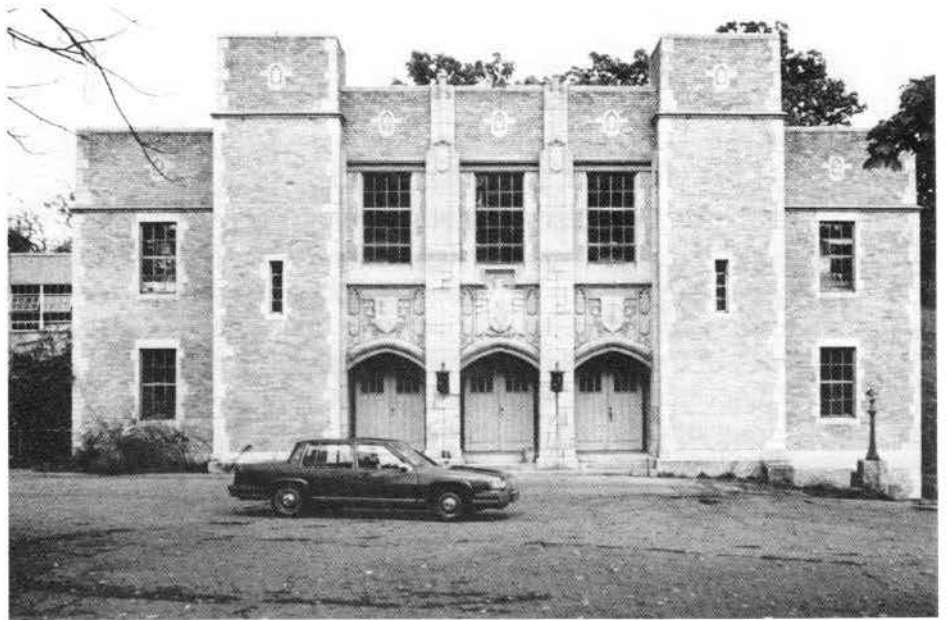
During the first of three summers that I attended Camp Kanata, he said, "*Happy, as big and as ugly as you are, you should be a better student.*" We discussed why I was taking Algebra I for a third time, and because both Colonel and Mrs. Deane tutored and encouraged me, I got through all my math courses in three years, undistinguished though my efforts turned out to be.

No college algebra

He worked out a way that I would not have to take college algebra, and that alone put him in my personal Hall of Fame. The last year I went to camp, it was not for academics, but just for the fun of it.

I spent more time with other teachers at AMA, both in class and on the athletic field. There were some wonderful teachers who could make one learn despite one's hardheaded efforts to remain witless. But to me, Herbert Dabney Deane was absolutely the best teacher I ever had, and was, in those days when it no longer seemed fashionable, a man's man.

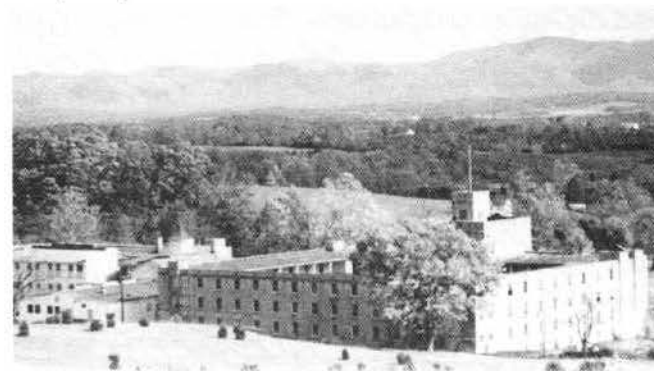
Hap Starr contributed this SPOTLIGHT ON column from his home in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Hap and Mary Ann suffered great damage to their home when Hurricane Marilyn roared through. (See CLASS NOTES)



The gymnasium is the first priority for the new owners of AMA, and they are tackling its renovation first. A fairly recent roof leak has caused a quarter of the basketball floor to warp, and the damaged portion of the floor will be replaced.



Deane's Castle (The Hill) is in poor condition and likely will be torn down. The original Roller home (which was the library when the school closed), the PX, and the heating plant (where many naughty cadets shoveled many tons of coal) may also be razed.



The view from the hillside behind Big Barracks is truly spectacular. The new owners have 20 acres of land, with a panorama of the Shenandoah Valley, which they hope to subdivide into building lots.

Augusta Memories...

John Jackson, '46, "played trombone in the Band, and was electrician, mailman, part-time bugler, beat the bass drum to provide cadence for marching to class, and drove the school bus. I would take a team of horses and a group of 'bad boys' and have them plant tomatoes (the horses pulled a water wagon)."

Charles Hargrave, '51, remembers Big Boy's lament: "Gemp'men, gemp'men, I'm so chagrined. One of my best boys has stabbed me in the back." And Colonel Hoover: "See, get the point? Get the point?" (after throwing chalk)

Lewis Mundin, '53, thinks that "Fall is the prettiest time of the year in Virginia. I remember the trees around the bowl changing... and marching off the field from Sunday dress parade as the sun set in the West behind Big Barracks."

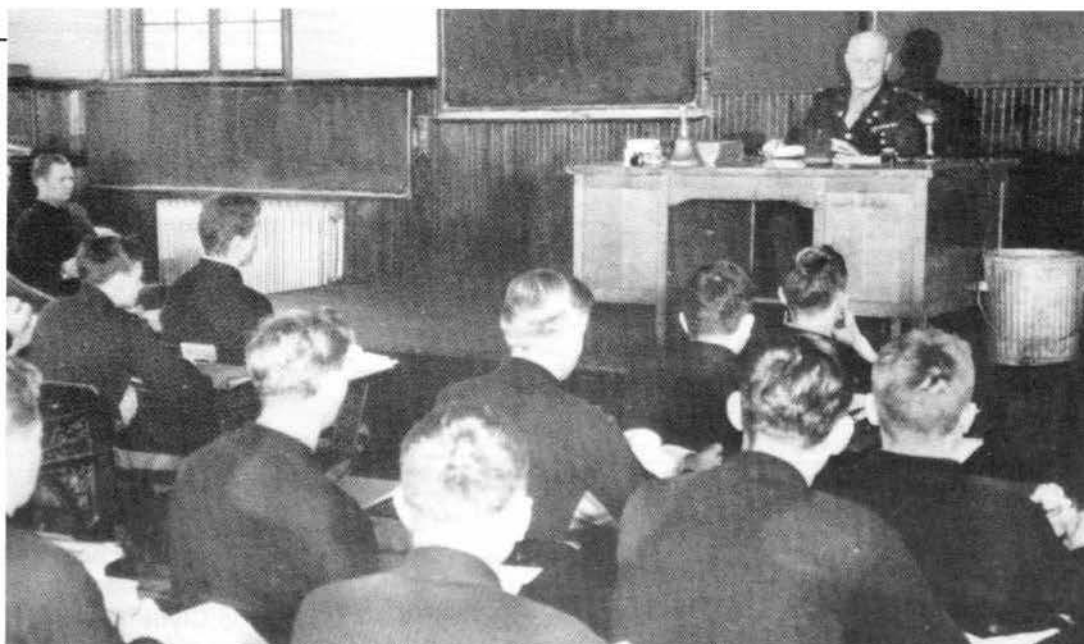
Bill Brooks, '62, recalls the "unheated swimming pool. Colonel Hoover forfeited a match with Fork Union in 1960 because the water was so cold, the swimmers couldn't catch their breaths!"

Bob Hume, '63, remembers President Eisenhower's visit to Fort Defiance. "Ike spent his last days in office in late 1960 travelling and was to speak at Mary Baldwin. SMA wrangled a little of his time, but there were no plans for Ike to visit AMA. But the President's mother had been born in Fort Defiance in what was a shabby little house by 1960. General Roller put the tenant in a motel and had the house fixed up... Mrs. Wales even made new curtains. Ike then agreed to see his mother's home, and to drive through the AMA campus, without stopping... In the last years of his life, Colonel Roller often talked about President Eisenhower's visit to him and AMA, as if Mary Baldwin and SMA were mere afterthoughts!"

Pete Orndorff, '69, says he has "the real scoop on the incident Mark Briggs wrote about in the May issue. In the Spring of '68, we barricaded the front gate with trashcans, bleachers, soccer goals, and even the old 37mm cannon that sat off to one side... we tried to get a cow from a nearby barn, but she wouldn't cooperate... Colonel Christy came barreling in to work early in the morning... and the barrel of the cannon almost went through his windshield... needless to say, he was not pleased!"



The Big Boy in the Big Room - Was this the General's College Algebra class, or maybe it was Chemistry? "The three great acids and the four great bases." (Or was it the other way around?) To sit at the feet of The Big Boy was an experience no cadet will ever forget. Note the art deco trash receptacle by the Big Boy's desk.



HEROES (from page 9)

Cleveland, C. Al, '51 - USN
 Click, Lieutenant Colonel Edwin F., '50 - USA
 Coleman, Larry "Stride", '72 - USA
 Corriere, John R., '63, - USMC
 Councill, James W., '49 - USAF
 Crawford, Colonel James, '61 - USMC
 Crozier, Robert, '70 - USAF
 Dalmas, Victor P., '41 - USA
 Dawson, Commander Gerald, '62 - USN
 Dickinson, Lieutenant Colonel William, '49 - USA
 Everitt, Major Donald, '63 - USA
 Fields, Jack, '47 - USA
 Fillmore, Lieutenant Colonel B. Michael, '61 - USA
 Gibbs, Charles, '69 - USMC
 Gibbs, Gerald, '47 - USMA
 Grace, Colonel William, '50 - USMA
 Guffey, Colonel H. R., '48 - USAF
 Hodges, Captain King Edward, '41 - USN (d)
 Hruza, Frank M., '64 - USA
 Ikenberg, Ron, '68 - USMC
 Jackson, Lee A., '61 - USMC
 Jordan, Colonel Samuel, '36 - USAF
 Keller, Captain William R., Jr., '62 - USN
 Kinnie, Irvin Gray, '49 - USN
 Knox, Robert S., Jr., '51 - USA
 Kurtz, Captain Larry, '38 - USN
 Lepper, Colonel Lewis, '47 - USA
 MacIver, Neil "Mac", '61 - USA, KIA
 Madley, Commander Peter M., '61 - USN
 McVey, William, '60 - USMC
 Matton, Steve, '67 - USN
 Meier, Major General James, '58 - USA
 Morris, Lieutenant John, '49 - USMC
 Nicol, Commander Henry O., '64 - USN
 Orndorff, Peter J., '68 - USMC
 Pigg, Colonel Jimmy, '46 - USA
 Pilley, Colonel Charles, '51 - USAF
 Reisacher, Colonel Robert, '38 - USA
 Riedell, Captain Carl S., '63 - USA
 Ryder, Major General Charles, '38 - USA
 Sauers, Lieutenant JG David, '61 - USN
 Saunders, Lieutenant Colonel Goodloe, '57 - USAF



Bill Brooks, '62 in Vietnam, '63. Bill later served in the French Foreign Legion.

Shearer, Scott, '68 - USMC
 Smith, Charles Robert, '67 - USMC
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 Trowbridge, John, '65 - USAF
 Trudell, William, '69 - USMC
 Upton, Thomas W., '64 - USMC
 Vischer, Frederick M., '67 - USA
 Ward, Carl K., '64 - USA
 Wasco, Colonel Joseph, '41 - USA
 Wattay, Alexander, '53 - USAF
 Webster, Major Arthur T., '57 - USAF
 Whitlinger, Robert, '64 - USMC
 Widener, Major Herbert, '60 - USAF (d)
 Wiese, Lieutenant Colonel George, '59 - USA
 Wirkus, Colonel Faustin E., Jr., '55 - USMC
 Wright, Captain John, '63 - USA
 Yeomans, Jack Terry, '66 - USMC
 Yon, Rear Admiral Joseph, '30 - USN

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 Coleman, Larry "Stride", '72 - USA
 Trent, Lieutenant Colonel Steve, '70 - USA

* Dates determined by the Veterans Administration

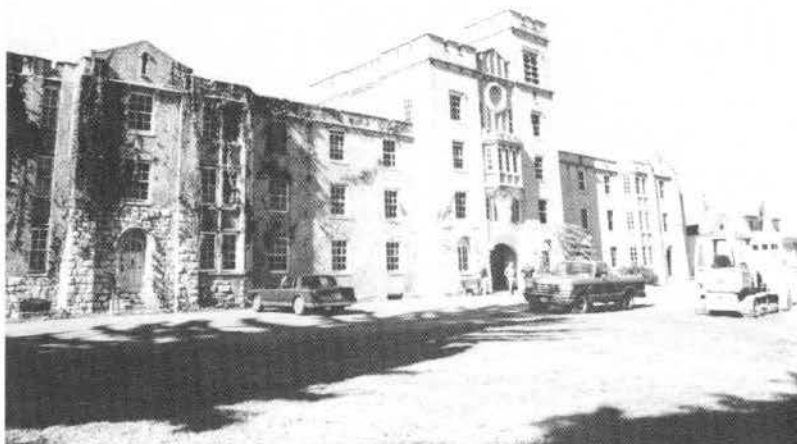
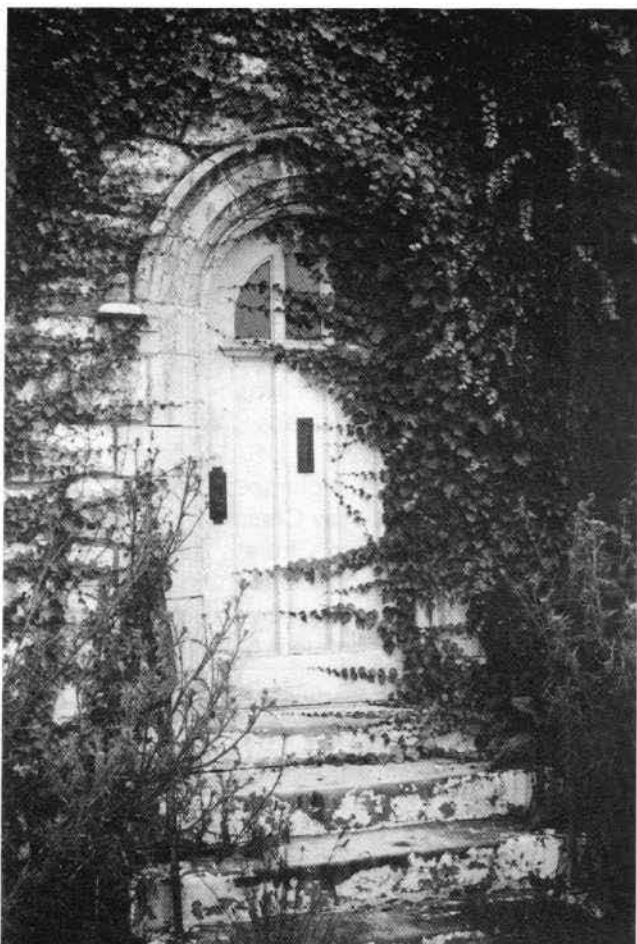
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Alumni Association President **Nicholson, '70**, presides at the October Board meeting. Gary asked that any alumni who have removed any academic

records from the school to please return them to the Alumni Association so that all records can be stored in one place. At right is **Clyde Ramsey, '49**, Association Treasurer.



Clean up has begun in earnest at AMA. I.H. Baker and Kennard Campbell, the new owners, have embarked on the first extensive cleanup of the school grounds in many years. The tangled underbrush in Lily Valley has been removed, and both the Drill Field and back fields have been mowed and combed.

Ivy had been allowed to nearly cover the south end of Big Barracks, making it impossible to enter the Alumni Quarters, left. Most of the ivy has been removed, above, and Big Barracks is beginning to look renewed, at least, on the outside.

The Alumni Association is furnishing Mr. Baker and Mr. Campbell with an American flag. Old Glory will once more will catch the breezes from the Tower Pole.

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Everytime we ask AMA cadets what they want to see more of in The Bayonet, they say, "more news about other alumni." Well, you are "other alumni" to everybody else! So, please don't go to sleep on the job. Send news for the next issue **NOW!**

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Dr. Thomas H. Alphin, '31

17 September 1995, at Oak Hill Health Care Center, Goshen, VA, age 81. Long time AMA Alumni Association Board member. Native of Branchville, MD; graduate of Washington and Lee; MS and degree in medicine from University of Virginia; Chief Medical Examiner for State of Virginia; ran Washington, DC office of American Medical Association; director of Medicaide in Alabama; professor of medicine at University of Alabama. Survived by his wife, Henrietta, to whom he was married for 56 years, and by

two daughters, a son, a sister, and four grandchildren.

Leslie Charles Shomo, '34

12 September 1995, at Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, age 79. President of National Publishing Company, Alexandria, which was bought by McCall's in the early '60s; retired from McCall's in 1971; native of Ambridge, PA and a 51-year resident of Alexandria; Chairman of Board, St. Andrew's School; deacon, Westminster Presbyterian Church; past president, Washington Golf and Country Club, Arlington; survived by wife, Emily, a daughter, two sons, a brother, and five grandchildren.

Martin G. Manch, Jr., '35

July, 1995, at Fairhope, AL. Son of Major Martin Manch and brother of **Jack Manch, '38**. Survived by wife, Annycce.

James M. Andes, '36

19 September 1995, in Staunton, age 78. Native of Augusta County; day student at AMA; employed by American Safety Razor Company for 24 years until retirement; charter mem-

ber, deacon, elder, and trustee of Bethany Presbyterian Church; veteran of World War II and Korea; survived by wife, Elizabeth, a daughter, a sister, and three grandchildren.

Hammond H. Synder, '38

1993, Alexandria, Va.

Clyde L. Kinney, '39

10 February 1994, at Memorial Hospital, Martinsville, VA, age 73. Postmaster of Bassett, VA for 30 years; University of North Carolina and National Business College; veteran of World War II, USAF; former president, Bassett Volunteer Fire Department; United Way Chairman; Board, Bassett Methodist Church; survived by wife, Madgie, two daughters, two sons, two stepsons and two stepdaughters, one sister, and five grandchildren.

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